

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and a device for operating a drive unit having internal combustion engine, in particular of a vehicle, making an expansion of the adjusting range of a regulator possible without significant additional complexity. In at least one operating state a setpoint value for at least one manipulated variable of the drive unit) is predefined by the regulator to correct an actual value of a performance quantity of drive unit to a setpoint value of the performance quantity. To set one or more manipulated variables a compressor in an air intake to the internal combustion engine is activated if the setpoint value of the one or more manipulated variables exceeds a predefined threshold.